

## **Sidmouth Beach Management Project Team Meeting – 8 April 2024**

### **Present:**

#### **East Devon District Council:**

Cllr Geoff Jung

Andrew Hancock

Tom Buxton-Smith

#### **Environment Agency:**

George Arnison

Marin Davies

#### **Kier:**

Adrian Park

#### **Atkins**

Naif Amin

Andrew Wareing

#### **Sidmouth Town Council:**

Chris Lockyer

Tony Burch by invitation of the Chair

### **Summary of issues discussed at the meeting:**

- Atkins to produce a scope for scheme alongside EDDC proposals.
- Important to work together to develop a scheme to take forward.
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- Acceptance of risk for Atkins and Keir to produce a scope to take the scheme forward
- Need to complete modelling work before proceeding. Modelling will be required for design purposes.
- EDDC will not move to full business case until a scheme has been fully assured and appraised.
- EDDC budget in place for works.
- Need to have an understanding of the flood risk and that work focuses on moving forward based on the modelling to give EDDC confidence.
- Impacts need to be assessed on reducing the height of the splash wall, potential super groin and break water.
- East Beach modelling needs consideration around assent from Natural England (baseline and testing), review whether there is an off shore option.

**Next Steps:**

- Working with Planning, Conservation, Historic England (Jurassic Coast) and Natural England.
- Engagement with local businesses and residents to explain what works will be carried out the why.
- Lessons learnt from original scheme.
- Review management of shingle and wash.

**Agreed:**

- Atkins and experts need sufficient time to get up to speed and bring forward a more detail proposal.
- Approve onboarding work to lead onto modelling options and come back with details at a future date, including recommendations for progressing with a fully costed scheme.